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Summary: Alex is alive, and angry at Isaac and the Wise One. Rating is for future chapters. This story is loosely based on an idea I had a while ago for a third game.

Chapter 1: Prologue

Ages ago, or so the stories

tell, the power of Alchemy

ruled over the world of

Weyard.

Alchemy wrought the base

elements of humanity

into thriving civilizations,

like lead into gold.

But in time, man's dreams

gave birth to untold strife.

Dreams of endless riches,

of eternal life, of dominion

over all that lived... Dreams

of conquest and of war.

Those dreams would have

torn the world apart if not

for a few brave and wise

men, who sealed away the

power of Alchemy deep in

Mt. Aleph's Sol Sanctum.

Prologue from Book One

The town of Vale guarded

the secret for many years,

until Isaac and Jenna,

whose parents had died in a

storm 3 years before,

disturbed the sanctum.

Saturos and Menardi, of the

Mars clan, followed them

into the sanctum. With them

traveled Jenna's brother,

Felix, thought lost

in that same tragic storm.

Saturos and Menardi stole

the Elemental Stars, the

keys to breaking the seal

on the power of Alchemy,

and kidnapped Jenna

and the scholar Kraden.

If these four jewels were

used to fire the elemental

lighthouses, the seal on

Alchemy would be broken.

Isaac and Garet set out

to stop Saturos, rescue

their friends, and return

the Elemental Stars to

their home in Sol Sanctum.

They banded together with

a young Wind Adept named

Ivan and pursued Saturos

and Menardi to Imil, a

winter-locked town near

Mercury Lighthouse.

There they met the guardian

of the lighthouse, a Water

Adept named Mia. With

her, they pursued Saturos

to the aerie high atop

Mercury Lighthouse.

Isaac was too late to

stop Saturos from lighting

the beacon and escaping.

Again Isaac chased him,

crossing Angara to the

shores of the Karagol Sea.

Taking passage on a troubled

ship, Isaac crossed

the Karagol to Tolbi. He

spoke to Tolbi's leader,

a strange man named Babi.

Babi entered Isaac in

Colosso as a test of his

powers. Isaac's Psynergy

won Colosso and earned him

Babi's trust. Babi revealed

a great secret to Isaac...

Thanks to a mystic draught

from the lost land of

Lemuria, Babi had lived

for 150 years! He offered

to help Isaac, who then

headed deep into Gondowan.

In the town of Lalivero,

Isaac learned that

Saturos and Menardi had

kidnapped a young girl

named Sheba, whom they

needed within the lighthouse.

Isaac fought and defeated

them atop the lighthouse,

but he was too late – the

beacon had already been lit.

A great cataclysm followed.

Sheba fell into the sea.

Felix jumped in to save

her, but both were lost in

the roiling waves. Jenna

left the lighthouse to find

them, but to no avail...

Isaac went to Lalivero,

where Babi asked him to find

Lemuria and the remaining

lighthouses. He gave Isaac

a Lemurian ship to make the

journey for the lost land.

Prologue from Book Two

Jenna traveled with Kraden

and Alex to the peninsula

of Idejima, where she had

agreed to meet the others.

When Venus Lighthouse

was lit the tremors ripped

Idejima from the mainland.

As it drifted out to sea, Alex

found Felix and Sheba

washed ashore.

Their reunion was cut

short by a massive tidal wave, which shoved the island into the eastern continent of Indra. Alex awoke first and left to find a ship that could take them to the remaining lighthouses. Felix, following him, discovered that the boats of the nearby town of Daila had been destroyed by the tidal wave. Crossing the treacherous Dehkan Plateau, Felix traveled to Madra, which had also lost its ships. There he met a Water Adept named Piers, who was jailed on suspicion of being a Champa pirate.

In Alhafra Felix found that
the town's only remaining
boat had been sold to
Briggs, leader of the pirates.
After being defeated by
Felix, Briggs agreed to
clear Piers' name.
When he returned to Madra,
Felix discovered that Piers
had left to recover his black
orb, which was stolen by
the savage Kibombo.
They met up with Piers at
Gagomba, the Kibombo's
enormous idol, at the start
of a Kibombo ceremony.
Infiltrating the statue,
the four retrieved Piers'
jewel and befriended
Akafubu, the Kibombo's

witch doctor.

Now that he could use

Piers' ship, Felix was able

to explore the Great

Eastern Sea. He collected pieces

of an ancient trident

from towers around the

Great Eastern Sea.

With the pieces reforged,

he traveled to Lemuria, where

Piers lived. He spoke to Lunpa,

the righteous thief, and

King Hydros, who explained

the necessity of lighting

the remaining beacons.

Felix then journeyed to

the Great Western Sea,

where he found Jupiter

Lighthouse.

At the top he found that

Karst, Menardi's sister,

had set a trap for Isaac's

group. With Garet and

Mia caught, Karst and

her companion Agatio

battled Isaac and Ivan.

Felix went to help them,

earning enough of Isaac's

trust to be granted the Mars

Star.

Felix arrived at the

aerie and lit the beacon,

whereupon he and Karst

battled for control

of the Mars Star.

Returning to the nearby

town of Contigo, Felix and

Isaac reconciled their

differences and Isaac agreed

to help Felix light the Mars

Lighthouse.

Felix then found

that his ship had been

given the gift of flight.

Felix breached a wall

of ice and reached Prox,

where the people were

afraid because Karst

and Agatio had not yet

lit the lighthouse.

In the middle of the tower

Felix found Karst and Agatio,

turned into dragons and

trapped in ice. After a

fierce battle, Agatio

relinquished the Star.

Felix ascended to the aerie,

where the Wise One,

guardian of Sol Sanctum,

attempted to stop him

from lighting the beacon.

Because it was forbidden

from interfering in the

actions of humanity, the

Wise One summoned a

three-headed dragon,

actually Felix's parents

and Isaac's father, to be

certain of their dedication.

Once slain, the dragon's

heads reverted to their

human shape. Despite the

best efforts of Mia and

Piers, the parents could

not be revived.

Felix finally cast in the

Mars Star. The beacon

revitalized the Valeans

enough for the healers in

Prox to help them.

As the light from the

lighthouses collected over

Mt. Aleph, it shone on

Alex, who had studied

the result of the lighting.

He had come to claim the

Golden Sun, which would

give him infinite power.

However, the Wise One

informed him that it had

imbued Isaac with a portion

of the Golden Sun's power.

Alex was then drawn into

the heart of Weyard

along with the mountain.

Felix's group returned

home to find that Vale

had been destroyed,

although all its citizens

had survived. They soon

began to rebuild.

This chapter of our story

begins with Alex, just

after Mt. Aleph's collapse...

Chapter 2: Alex

Wow, that took longer than I expected. I was hoping to release this nearly three months ago.

My characters new this chapter: Myla, Alym, Xela

I own the specific region in which this chapter takes place, and the basic storyline, as well as the characters mentioned above. All else belongs to Camelot and Nintendo.

Alex is alive, and understandably angry with Isaac and the Wise one.

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Chapter One: Alex

"Every thing has a counter; Alchemy requires balance always."

-Phing Song, founder of Anemos Philosophy College

It was night. Myla carefully felt her way along the shore of Aleph Lake. This deep in hostile territory, and this far from her home, she dared not show a light. She had not gathered more than half the herbs she needed before she heard a spluttery cry from far out in the lake. Quickly she dropped the herb basket and pushed over one of the partly-hollow trees that the people hereabouts used for boats. Dragging the log to the water, Myla stripped one side of it open with her knife and climbed in, paddling with cupped hands.

She made good time toward the continuing sounds of splashing and finally saw a blue-haired man on the verge of

drowning. She swiftly pulled him into the boat and headed back to shore. On the way, he kept muttering about "Mercury... Golden Sun... Can't drown... Alchemy..."

When Myla had dragged the blue man to her house she lit a fire. When she was sure it wouldn't burn out she wrapped the man in blankets, laid him close to the fire, and returned to her herb-gathering.

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Alex woke quickly and completely, just as he always did. Noticing that he was in an unfamiliar place, he kept still apart from his eyes, which darted around, taking in everything. He quickly ascertained that he was in a square room, about five or six meters on each side, with a single door and no windows. The floor, walls, and ceiling were composed of a dark stone unfamiliar to Alex. He was lying in several blankets – probably linen – near an open oven, in which was a well-built fire. Based on the furnishings, this room was likely the living place of a single person, one who was impeccably neat and self-sufficient.

The Mercury Adept then turned his senses inward. His body was a bit waterlogged – no great problem for a Mercury Adept – and he could feel the beginnings of a cold. Well, that was easily enough taken care of. Reaching inward for the pool of his power, Alex cast Ply. *Odd*, he thought. *That shouldn't have been strenuous... especially now that* – Alex's thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the door opening.

Into the room crept a very pale woman. Her hair, curling slightly to her shoulder, was pure white and shone metallically. Her sharp face had an artificially calm look, as if she was so used to controlling her expression that it

happened automatically. She seemed somehow familiar, but Alex didn't want to dwell on that at the moment.

Closing the door behind her, the woman spoke. "Ah, good, you're awake. I am Myla, the best stellartus in the region. Are you all right?"

"Fine," said Alex. "A... Stellartus?"

"Well, actually, the only stellartus in the region." For some reason, Myla looked embarrassed. Setting down the basket of herbs in her right hand, she walked over to Alex. Next to him she lay the folded clothing she'd had draped over her left arm. "I'll leave you for a moment to get dressed, if you feel fine."

Alex realized at that point that he hadn't introduced himself. "My name is Alex," he told her.

"Alex?" Myla repeated with a distant look in her eyes.

"Alex of Imil, Mercury Adept, discoverer of the secret of Warp, and *almost* the holder of the Golden Sun," he extrapolated, feeling another surge of anger at the Wise One and Isaac.

Myla's eyes widened with surprise. "Oh! Xela!" she exclaimed, and rushed from the house, again closing the door.

Alex got up and examined the clothing she had left him. It consisted of a white woolen tunic and trousers, very similar to what Myla herself had been wearing. When he put it on himself it seemed to fit better than he would have expected. He sat by the fire and began his Psynergy meditations.

As Alex finished his meditation, Myla returned, brushing feathers from her hands. Without any preamble, she sat on the bed and said, "You were saying some strange things when I fished you out of the lake. What was that about?"

"What kinds of things?" asked Alex, slightly worried about what he might have said.

Myla thought for a moment. "Well, you were talking about Mercury and the Golden Sun, and now that I think of it you used those words when you introduced yourself. What do they mean?"

Alex sighed. He'd hoped that wasn't what she meant. Grudgingly, feeling as if he were compelled to do so, he began to tell the story of his life and the quest for the Golden Sun.

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He was just finishing his tale with the collapse of Mount Aleph when the door opened. Framed in the doorway was a tall, powerfully built man as dark as Myla was pale.

Myla looked over at him happily. "Alym! Come in!" She paused as he did so, then asked, "Where is she?"

The man, in a very deep voice, said, "She said she'd be a moment. This is he?"

Myla looked momentarily flustered. "Yes, that's him." Turning to include Alex, who had gotten to his feet when the door opened, she continued, "Alex, this is Plutator Alym. Alym, this is Alex. He says he's a Mercury Adept. I think that means an aquamancer."

Alex was again confused. "He's named Alym? But aren't you Myla?"

Myla smiled slightly. "Yes, it was something of a surprise, but we've worked it out."

Alex put aside that line of thought for a moment, as Alym's next comment was directed at him. "What is your goal?" he boomed.

The Mercury Adept was getting tired of being confused. "What do you mean, my goal?" he retorted.

Alym was not put off at all. "What do you desire? If you would do something with your life, you require direction. What is your goal?"

That was something Alex didn't have to think about at all. "The power of the Golden Sun."

Alym, too, had an immediate reply: "What bars you from that goal? Why do you not already have this power?"

Alex's face was grim. "Isaac. And the big rock," he responded. After a moment's consideration, he continued, "Isaac will probably be the easier to deal with."

Alym looked satisfied. At that point the door opened. Alex looked over as a tall red-haired woman came in. "Menardi?" gasped Alex. A second look revealed that it was not Menardi, merely someone with a similar appearance. This woman was slightly shorter, with brilliantly red hair and sharper features.

With a sweeping bow that somehow did not seem ludicrous, Alym introduced her as Xela, "your Bonded."

When Alex didn't immediately grasp the significance of that, Myla seemed to finally realize that he was from somewhere else with different customs. She, along with Alym and occasionally Xela, told him about Drayew; the abilities and limitations of Stellarti and Plutators, the major powers in the world, and the decision of marriage. That last was particularly unusual; in Drayew, children's names were determined by a complex augury process at a local shrine, and the marriage was always to the person whose name was the reverse of the child's own.

At last Alex had the answer of why he had joined Saturos' quest, and why he had been less involved in Karst's portion. At some subconscious level, he had been aware of the existence of Xela, and Menardi looked enough like her that he had immediately trusted her and wanted to help her. It had seemed folly at the time, when he had met her and Saturos near Bilibin; folly to immediately ask to join the quest of someone he'd never met.

With a full understanding of the situation at last, Alex turned to Alym and asked, "What is the plan?"

Hoof, that was difficult. I don't want to try Alex's POV any time soon.

If I knew the story Alex tells Myla, I would have told it. I think it has to do with jealousy and unwillingness to be less powerful than Mia.

No, I'm not going to tell you about Stellarti or Plutators here; that's Avatre's job, around chapter ten or so. All I'll say is that they use a different, weaker type of power than Adepts.